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BOSTON COLLEGE AT GYM TONIGHT.

TECH LINEUP UNCERTAIN.

First Chance to Gauge Ability of Team.

The basket ball season starts today when the team will play Boston College at the Gym. At present it seems as if the game will be of considerable interest. Many rooters from Boston College are coming over to support their team and it is expected that a large number of Tech men will turn out to support their representatives.

Considerable interest attaches to the game as it will be the first opportunity to get a line on the ability of this year's team. A good many of last year's team are back at the Institute and there is much speculation as to whether their game has improved or not. Many good new men have showed up but on the other hand it seems that some of the men who were on the team last year have not been playing up to their usual standard this season. For this reason their places on the team are not as yet assured.

Captain Wentworth has been directing the work of the team so far this season, as up to the present time no regular coach has been engaged. In the past the team has had to work under considerable difficulties on account of the inability to secure the use of the floor for practice. In the Gym the regular classes are going on and the track team is also doing some indoor work, so there is little chance for basket ball scrimmages.

The lineup of the Tech team is uncertain on this account and a good many men will be tried out in the game this evening.

TRACK MEN PREPARE FOR WINTER MEETS.

Cross Country Men to Continue Saturday Runs.

The winter track season is now under way, and the men are working at their different events.

There will be several meets in the Gym and the annual B. A. A. open meet at Mechanics Hall, Feb. 1. The meets in the Gym will be the indoor class championship and one or two dual meets. T. W. Orr, track captain and Mr. Kanaly want everybody out to try for some event. There is a chance for every one in the class championship meet. This meet comes off early in January, so it is necessary to begin training at once. The regular events will be run, namely, 40 yards dash, 35 yard hurdles, 1-4 mile run, 1000 yard run, 1 mile run, high jump, pole vault and shot put.

In order that men interested in cross country or distance running may keep in good shape, a short run in the open air will be held from the Gym every Saturday at 3 o'clock. This will be a fine chance for new men to begin distance work and the fresh air and light exercise will keep all in good condition and supplied with a hearty appetite. The advantage of running from the Gym is that a man can run as far as he likes and need not run himself out.

BRITISHERS PLAN FOR DINNER.

Also Elect Three New Officers.

At the meeting of the British Empire association held on Friday plans for the next dinner and the insertion in Technique 1909 were discussed. It was voted to hold the dinner on the evening of Dec. 20. The election of the following officers was announced:—chairman, B. L. Gimson 1908, vice-chairman, C. Wells 1909, committee member, R. Ellis 1909.

After considerable discussion over the insertion in Technique it was voted that the secretary make arrangements as to cost and style of seal most agreeable to the members.

TECH SHOW TO VISIT SMITH COLLEGE.

ANNOUNCED AT TECH SHOW DINNER. PROVIDENCE TRIP GIVEN UP.

Dinner Was Great Success. Many Interesting Talks. Old Timers Present. A Few Good Stunts.

Announcement was made at the Tech Show Dinner Saturday night that the show would visit Northampton this year instead of Providence as was expected. This announcement by Manager Dewey caused a great deal of excitement among those present, and was the occasion for many expressions of approval. It came as a surprise to nearly everyone present, as the matter has been kept secret. This will make the show more popular than ever this year and will bring out a large number of candidates.

The dinner was a great success right through although it differed somewhat from last year's. The program of stunts which was the important feature at the last dinner was much shorter this year, and many of those who were expected to take part did not. The speeches however were numerous and interesting and made up for all that was lacking in the way of singing and dancing.

Among the instructors and alumni who were present were Dean Burton, Bursar Rand, Joseph Blachstein, James R. Lambirth, Isaac W. Litchfield, Allen W. Rowe, and M. S. Emerson. Coach James Francis was also there and the management of the show. Most of last year's chorus and principals showed up besides members of previous shows.

The tables were set with Tech napkins upon which was printed "William, Willie and Bill—1907." In the middle of the dinner Manager Dewey asked all present to sing "Dear Old M. I. T." Everybody sang it standing, led by W. B. Jenkins of last year's show.

The first speaker of the evening was Allen W. Rowe 1901, general manager of the third show "The Grand Duke" and connected with the show from its beginning. He told briefly the history of the beginnings of the show, and dwelt upon the manner in which the men took hold. He explained that the show was originated, not only to make money for the athletic association, but also to give the men an opportunity to get together.

M. S. Emerson 1903, who was connected with the show throughout his course at Tech, spoke next. He related some interesting stories of incidents which occurred while he was at the Institute. Next Isaac W. Litchfield, a prominent alumnus, was introduced as one who had never been connected with the show. The latter denied this statement however, and claimed to have appeared in the first Tech Show. This was, he said, a minstrel show given about 1881 at the Young Men's Christian Union. It was given for the benefit of the athletic association and that body came out 37 dollars and 50 cents in debt.

After telling some humorous anecdotes in connection with this production, Mr. Litchfield closed with a discussion of the value of the show as a means of breaking up cliques and forwarding the spirit of Technology.

Mr. Joslin, the stage manager of this year's show spoke of the exceptionally good chance this year for show candidates. Most of those who were principals in last year's show have left and there are at least ten places open for new men. He added that although there was more glory in taking a principal part, the real fun was in belonging to the chorus. He ended with an appeal for everyone to come out and try.

The next speaker, Coach Francis, was received with great applause. He began his talk by explaining how he happened to be able to coach the show this year. He was engaged to coach the bank officers, and his wife asked him if he were going to handle the Tech Show again this year. It seems that he has made a contract with her to devote all that he receives from Tech to sending his boy through the Institute.

Francis is always glad to work for Tech and has always done his best by the show. The book this year, he says, is better than last year's, and for that reason, and also because he is able to devote more time to it, this year's show ought to be better than ever before.

Bursar Rand next came forward with a new lot of his famous stories. He also had his usual number of hits on the Dean. He then went on in a more serious vein. He explained that the show was a great institution and a valuable one, and that all who have time should try for it, but it should not be allowed to interfere with studies. We are here to get our degrees, and they should always be kept first in mind.

Dean Burton then had his chance and used it to advantage, commenting on the fact that the Bursar had not been to many of the dinners this year, and giving as a reason that he had lost his joke book. The Dean told how much he liked the dinners on account of the noise, and the Tech Show dinner in particular because the noise there is a little more musical than at others. He said that he enjoyed this dinner better than the show itself.

The show is particularly valuable, he continued, as a democratic institution, and as such should be perpetuated. Each member should have a certain amount to do and no one should be required to do more than his share of work. A man ought to confine himself to one line of work and not try to enter into too many activities. Another point was that in anything he goes into a man should have the good of the Institute first in mind and not his own good. He should never try for personal fame, but like a good coach of a team, should work for the good of the college aside from any personal feelings.

Mr. Blachstein was next on deck with his usual bright discourse. He commented upon F. D. Applin's communication in the Friday issue of THE TECH, and told several stories which were received with enthusiasm.

After Mr. Blachstein's speech the assemblage gathered around the piano for the singing. Mr. Thode, who played for the rehearsals last year, playing the piano. A. Ellis sang his well known "Firelight" song from "The Freshman" but gave no encore although one was called for.

W. B. Jenkins sang "Cattle King" from "William, Willie and Bill," the members of the chorus yelling and clapping at the proper places and joining in the second chorus. Jenkins was called back to sing his old favorite, "Not Wisely but too Wellesley," and all who knew the song joined in the chorus.

W. E. Westervelt, the author of the show, was then called upon to speak. He explained that he was not prepared, having just found out that he was to speak upon reading it in THE TECH at ten o'clock that morning, and not having time to sleep over it. He first spoke of the show and said that someone had suggested that the title was too "mushy," but he thought that it would go. He told some good stories in line with the question in hand.

Hield and Ellis then sang "Hard Luck" from the last show with great success, and nearly everyone present joined in the chorus of the well known song. As a number of old show men who were expected failed to show up, there were no more stunts on the program, but Thode played several selections from the different shows.

HOCKEY TEAM SCHEDULE A GOOD ONE.

NEW YORK TRIP AGAIN TO BE TAKEN.

Eighteen Candidates Out At First Meeting.

Eighteen men appeared at the first meeting in the interests of hockey. Manager Kelley spoke to the candidates outlining the plans for the coming season. The schedule, although not quite what might be desired is a good one. There will be a game with Dartmouth during the holidays, a trip to Andover, and it is almost certain that the between-trips in January will be repeated. Harvard is to be played Jan. 8. The men that go on to the January trip are the ones that will be awarded the insignia. About ten men will be taken. It is especially desired that t men get in shape for the Harvard game. Last year Tech played Harvard on an even footing for about ten minutes, but after that the poor condition of the men destroyed all chance for further scoring.

The candidates are as follows:—forwards, W. D. Ford 1908, W. J. Kelley 1909, J. H. Scoville 1911, W. J. O'Hearn 1910, H. W. Paine 1909, E. L. Woodward 1911, L. S. Southwick 1910, A. A. Gould 1910, J. F. Davis 1909, R. H. Gould 1911, W. Eaton 1911. Points, F. C. Jewett 1911, X. Boddasarian 1911; cover points, D. V. Williamson 1910, C. J. Sittinger 1910, E. S. Anderson 1910; goals, H. D. Billings 1910, V. C. Warren 1910.

There will be shooting practise in the Gym evenings, until the ice is in good condition. By a week from last Saturday the team should be on skates.

EXAMS ARE NOT BEST TEST.

Civic Club Says Conditions Need Improvement.

At the Union Friday evening the Civic Club discussed the present exam system, a vital subject to Tech. J. R. Ruckman 1910, and B. L. Gimson 1908, for the affirmative advanced a novel method of improving examination difficulties. They suggested that each student be allowed to use necessary books and formulae during an exam. "Such," they said, "would be fair to everyone, as no cribbing would be possible or advantageous. Also, it would be a test along lines like those met in actual practise."

The negative, represented by L. D. Nisbet 1909, and R. Ellis 1909, lost the debate by a vote of the non-debators. It was then decided to hold at the next meeting, in January, a mock town meeting.

TECH GRADS STAND HIGH.

Make Top Places in Civil Service Exams.

In a recent examination held by the New York State Civil Service Commission to fill the position of engineering examiner, four applicants successfully passed. Of these, numbers one and four in rating were graduates of Tech civil engineering department.

Waldo G. Wildes, who headed the list, graduated in 1901, and lately served as assistant engineer with the barge canal office of the state of New York. He has recently been offered a professorship in highway engineering at a Rhode Island college.

Ralph Whitmore, class of 1901, has lately received appointment by competition examination to the position of assistant civil engineer, U. S. A., and will be stationed at the League Island Yard, Philadelphia.

Henry J. J. Horn, class of 1888, formerly general manager of the Northern Pacific R. R., and a prominent figure today in the railroad world, lately spent a few days in this city before sailing for Europe on a few weeks' vacation.

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ONCE MORE.

The subject of co-educational participation in Institute affairs was at first approached in a rather jocose vein, but it now appears to have been taken up a little more seriously by some people Since this is the case it might be well to give a little time to a thorough consideration of the subject of coeds in the class of 1909.

This consideration will involve several phases of the question of the relation of the sexes. In the first place the proper position of woman in her relation to man has been most thoroughly discussed by those competent to judge the matter. The unanimous consensus of their opinions has been that the two spheres are entirely definite and distinct.

A discussion of this however would be out of place here and now.

Co-education in the Institute is more or less of an unnatural state of affairs. The feminine members of our student body cannot form any component part of the whole. If they are here to get certain things out of the courses at the Institute it is no reason why they should be considered as any integral part of the political whole.

Any consideration of them in this regard will be necessarily warped and it would be difficult to regard them in any natural light. For one reason it would be because we have not been accustomed to judge women in a political way.

Again and again has this question been considered in colleges where the feminine element formed as small a proportion of the student body as they do here, a ratio of one in one hundred. Cornell has discussed the question and has come to the conclusion that the women have no place in collegiate politics.

The strange thing about the position of the women in the politics of the class of 1909 has been that the judgment of the class as a whole has not seemed to be in favor of having women connected with their politics. Practically all the electing that has been done has been done originally as a joke. Later the class has seemed unwilling to accord to their girl politicians the recognition that they deserved. In other words they have been willing to treat their politics as a joke but they have not been earnestly in favor of co-educational participation in class politics.

This was shown especially when the election of two feminine members of the Technique electoral committee came as a great surprise to the class. When they had done this and one of the members of this committee had clearly won a place on the board by competition great reluctance was shown toward electing her to the position for which she had demonstrated her pre-eminent ability. In fact she was only elected to the board after all other means of securing an incumbent for the position had failed. Does this seem to indicate that 1909 is such a staunch champion of the rights of womankind?

If the girl nominated for the prom committee, had been elected without any discussion, the election would have been due to the joking members of the class, not to the recognition of the girl's ability.

Throughout this peculiar treatment by their class, the girl members have carried themselves very well. They have worked with a class spirit that puts to shame the efforts of some of the boy members.

It is said that in the discussion the girl members of 1909 should have been made to feel uncomfortable. It was not possible to discuss this matter without making some of the members of the class of 1909 uncomfortable.

To the dense members of the class, it can be said that not the co-eds have been attacked, but the asinine members of this class who have voted for co-eds because they thought it was a joke, went gaping to class meetings to see the co-ed secretary, who, later, when these co-eds showed ability, would not recognize their rights.

Another lamentable phase of the whole matter is that many of the really influential and able men in the junior class who have been opposed to the women in politics have not been willing to come out and state the ground that they stand on. It will be found that many of the most representative men in the class are of this opinion.

ONLY ONE OFFICE.

A common fault in the Institute and one which should be criticised conservatively, since a great many students are only free from it to their shame, is that the men who are interested in student affairs at all, are usually too ambitious.

Time and again, class presidents hold half a dozen other offices. One man often holds an important position in each of a number of organizations. Every year many of the members of the prom committee are also on Technique; both these activities deserve constant work.

A man's studies are of some account. Unless a man is wonderfully capable he cannot fill more than one important position, and carry a regular amount of school work, and do both well. The great majority who try this overestimate their capacity.

Even if a man could accomplish three men's work, the wisdom of his so doing could be questioned.

If officers and honors were not concentrated in the hands of a few, more men would be drawn into activities. Fellows who otherwise would have no opportunity would be elected to office. If each man held only one office, a larger number of men would become officers. The more men hold offices the more men are vitally interested. To be important in something always makes a fellow enthusiastic. It also makes him work hard. Then men in prominent positions ought to refuse minor places and leave them for less well-known men.

A larger number of men than now would then be given a chance of practical training. Responsibility developes a man. Though some fellows might not be very capable at first they would grow with their duties and the effect, would be beneficial to the whole Institute.

A Technology man's school-work is an important consideration. Also a degree is something to work for. Most men are at the Institute primarily to work hard and to graduate with a thorough training. Most students are not in such financial condition that they can easily afford an extra year here. Neither can they afford to spend four years and not get a degree.

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his best toward keeping up the scholarship standard of Technology. For an example where studies are sacrificed for class affairs, consider the usual Technique board. Every year a number of Juniors work hard and earnestly on Technique. Their labors generally result in an excellent book, but the number of failures in studies due to this work is notorious. It is well to note that almost every Junior on the board is connected with one or more other affairs; also the third year is not easy in any course.

In student activities, as in study, a man should be thorough. In order to do his work well he must devote himself to it. A man can do good work in his studies and still have time enough to perform one outside duty in good shape. More than one important position should not be held by any one man. Presidents of classes and clubs, captains of teams, and committees, all capable men, have often, due to excessive overload, failed to efficiently carry on their work. They have not had time to put care and thought on their duties sufficient to ensure their greater possible improvement.

For example in times past the Institute Committee has proved itself rather useless. The men on the committee were prominent and had other obligations. No competition was required to make the committee, no effort was necessary to hold a place on it, no settled reputation had to be lived up to, no tabulated list of duties must be followed, and the members were a great deal more interested in other duties where they were forced to work hard. Consequently they did not spend the time necessary to develop the committee's possibilities.

It is admirable for men to go into things hard. Every man should work hard for some student activity, both for the good it may do him and the good it may do Technology. Still he should not allow his zeal to carry him so far that he may injure himself and others.

DEAN BURTON NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Will Speak to Freshmen on Student Activities.

In place of the announced lecture by Pres. Noyes on a choice of course, Dean Burton will talk to the freshmen on the interesting and valuable features of mechanical drawing. This talk will be given Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 4 P. M., in 6 Lowell. President Noyes will give his lecture at a time next week not yet decided.

MUSICAL CLUBS MAKE HIT.

Pleasing Program Given at Abington.

On Friday night the Banjo, Mandolin, and Glee Clubs of the Institute gave a concert at the reunion and dance of the Abington high school association at Abington, Mass. The concert was a pronounced success and the fifty Tech men in the clubs were a credit to the Institute. Boston musical critics have conceded that these clubs are among the best in New England, and the performance at Abington proved the statement true.

The following program was given:
"Ho! Jolly Jenkin".....Glee Club
"Across the Missouri"....Mandolin Club
Cello Solo, "Cantilena".....
Abbot H. Thompson
"Pastimes on the Levee"....Banjo Club
"Winter Song".....Glee Club
"Estudiantina".....Mandolin Club
Solo, "The Mighty Deep"..George Lunt
"The March of the Minute Men"..
Banjo Club
"Stein Song".....Glee Club

The Glee Club added "The Billy Goat" to its list by request of some Tech men in the audience.

A few more guitars are needed in the Mandolin Club, the work of which will be considerably improved if some recruits for the needed parts will present themselves.

EDMOND'S TRIP OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST.

Professor George W. Edmond, who has been studying recently in the petrographical laboratories of the Institute, is now at the head of an expedition to Lower California and Mexico. Mr. Edmond is a graduate of John Hopkins University and now a resident of Southern California. He expects to work up his scientific results in the laboratories of the Institute, and the geological records of the expedition will be returned to the geological department.

Prof. Edmund is accompanied by W. J. Forbes of New York, and the travel is by pack-train across the desert ranges, between the Gulf of California and the Pacific. This region is of the greatest geological interest because it is unknown, and because rocks may be expected in the Lower California mountain belts which will throw light on the relation between the Sierra Nevada and the coast ranges of California.

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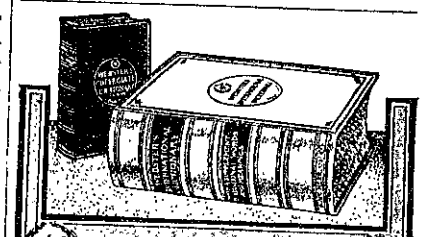
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One of the main reasons for the rapid progress shown is the change in the selection of the commissioned officers. This year all the commissioned officers have been selected from the sophomore class, whereas in previous years the officers have been taken from both the sophomore and freshman classes. Under this system only experienced men are in charge of the battalion and better results are expected.

As usual at the end of the year there will be held a prize drill, in which prizes will be awarded to the two men most proficient in the manual of arms.

CALENDAR.

Monday, December 9.

1.05 P. M. Institute Committee Meeting in 34 Rogers.
4.00 P. M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Union.
4.15 P. M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
8.00 P. M. Basket Ball, Tech vs. Boston College, at the Gym.

Tuesday, December 10.

4.00 P. M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.

Wednesday, December 11.

4.00 P. M. Address to the Freshmen by Dean Burton in 6 Lowell.
8.00 P. M. Musical Clubs Concert at Revere.

NOTICES.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE.—The Institute committee will meet today at 1.05 P. M. in 34 Rogers.

1911 BASEBALL.—Those wishing to try for the management of the freshman baseball team should hand in their names at the Cage for Stamper 1911 before 4.00 P. M. on Thursday.

1909 CLASS PICTURE.—Proofs of the 1909 class picture are on exhibition on the Technique bulletin board in Rogers. Orders will be taken by Scharff, Critchett, Kelly, and Finnie.

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